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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO AFGHAN LEADERS

1. TASS ARTICLE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF MAY 4 EDITION OF
PRAVDA ENTITLED "CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS" REPORTS THAT
"COMRADES" BREZHNEV AND KOSYGIN SENT TARAKI A CON-
GRATULATORY TELEGRAM ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT OF
THE DRA. ARTICLE REPORTS FURTHER THAT TELEGRAM:
-- WISHED TARAKI SUCCESS IN HIS ACTIVITIES "FOR THE BENE-
FIT OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE" AND FOR "NATIONAL AND SOCIAL
PROGRESS OF AFGHANISTAN";

-- EXPRESSED THE "FIRM CONVICTION" THAT "RELATIONS OF
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STRONG FRIENDSHIP AND FRUITFUL, MULTI-SIDED COOPERATION
ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, GOOD-NEIGHBOR-
NESS, RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE
IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS WILL DEVELOP AND STRENG-
THEN";

2. MAY 4 PRAVDA CARRIES ANOTHER TASS ARTICLE ENTITLED

"CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM" REPORTING GROMYKO TO AMIN TELEGRAM WISHING THE LATTER "CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES" ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF AFGHANISTAN. TELEGRAM EXPRESSES HOPE THAT SOVIET-AFGHAN RELATIONS WILL STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP."

3. COMMENT: DISPATCH OF THESE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES CONSTITUTES THE FIRST CONCRETE SYMBOL OF OFFICIAL SOVIET RECOGNITION AND WELCOMING OF NEW AFGHAN REGIME; SOVIET MEDIA STILL HAS NOT DIRECTLY REPORTED SOVIET RECOGNITION OF KABUL GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH MAY 4 PRESS NOTES RECOGNITION BY BULGARIA, CUBA AND SRV. TOON

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